**Washington as Candidate 2012: Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mount Vernon Extra Credit Activity- 10 Points (Due Mon, Oct 29th- our first day back from DC)**

*They just don’t make ‘em like they used to. With the presidential election coming up on November 6th, and wouldn’t it be nice to have someone of Washington’s caliber running for office? He set the standard. However, he was human, and he did make mistakes. Attached is a checklist of what you can expect to see at Mount Vernon and in the Education Center. As you explore Mount Vernon to learn about the man, his life, his leadership, and his legacy, please note what you notice about the following:*

**Qualifications-** *what sorts of specific life experiences do you think best prove Washington’s abilities and potential for success in elected office?*

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| 1. Example: **Entrepreneur.** *Took the initiative to build and operate a grist mill and distillery to process the wheat from his 8 farms into flour and whisky- both experiments to promote American Agriculture and grow the American Economy.* | 6. |
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**Lessons in Leadership**- *from his previous tours as a military officer, as a plantation owner, as a representative to numerous assemblies, congresses, and conventions, and as our first president of the United States, what dos and don’ts did you learn about leadership from his successes and failures. Give both the general lessons and a specific example of each from Washington’s life.*

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| **Leadership Lesson** | **Specific Example from Washington’s Career** |
| 1. Example: **Lead by Example** | *Washington* ***led by example****- staying with his troops and suffering as they suffered away from home and family through the harsh winter at Valley Forge and every campaign from 1776 through 1781* |
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**Questions for the Candidate-** *Imagine that Washington were to participate in the upcoming candidate debates. What questions would you ask him about his life experiences and decisions that would help you determine whether or not he would be able to lead on today’s issues.*

1. **Example:** *As a slave owner who led the fight for freedom for the United States, why did you wait until your death to set your slaves free in your will?*

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